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RIVER IMPROVEMENTS.

The Works under Col. Macomb—His Annual Report.

Statements Concerning the Rock Island Bridge, the Operations of the Montana and Caffrey, the Work on Keokuk Rapids and full Account of Improvement of Rock Island Rapids.

The annual report of Col. J. N. Macomb, in charge of the improvement of the Upper Mississippi and its navigable tributaries, to Gen. A. A. Humphreys, chief of the Engineer Corps of the army, is made public. It is dated at his headquarters in Rock Island. It gives detailed statements of all the work done on the different improvements during the year ending June 30, 1873. We give place to the portions of the report that treat of government work in which are prosecuted in this vicinity, or in which our citizens feel a commercial interest.

The report opens with reference to the ROCK ISLAND BRIDGE between Rock Island and Davenport, "as follows:

At the time of making the last annual report there remained to be done some work on the wagon road approaches to the bridge, and the deepening of the channel between the draw pier and the Island of Rock Island, which work has been satisfactorily accomplished.

Early in October, 1872, before the passenger trains of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company were allowed to cross upon the bridge, certain regulations touching its use by the railroad company, were agreed upon by the local superintendent and this office.

The rules for passing trains over the draw are so simple and effective that they might, with advantage, be adopted at all draw-bridges. There would then occur no such accidents as the wrecking of railroad trains at draw-bridges.

The railroad trains have been running regularly over the bridge since about the 15th of October, 1872. On the 4th of February, 1873, in accordance with the honorable Secretary of War,

I TRANSFERRED THE CHARGE of the bridge to the commanding officer of the United States Arsenal at Rock Island, and since that time I have settled the cash account with the railroad company arising out of the agreement as to the use of the government bridge and the removal of the company's old bridge. The transaction involved the paying to the United States the sum of \$177,320.95.

A detailed history of this work is in the course of preparation in the hands of Capt. Amos Stickney, Engineer, U. S. Army. Arrangements will be completed as soon as the engineering duties at his present station, in charge of improvements at Des Moines rapids, will permit.

During the last six months prior to my transferring the charge of this important work to the Ordnance Department, I was assisted in my duties by Capt. A. H. Burnham, of the Corps of Engineers, whom I placed in the position of assistant in local charge.

Of the appropriation for completing the Rock Island bridge, the following amounts were available on the 1st of July, 1872: \$142,947.46 Of which amount I received during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1873: \$2,947.46 And expended: \$1,587.58

Leaving \$140,900.00 The greater part of which has been applied to payment of services in the month of June, 1873, amounting to: \$60.00 Leaving a small amount which reverts to the treasury: \$90.94

Then after describing the work done at the Falls of St. Anthony, on which \$66,000 has been expended, and for which the present Congress is asked to appropriate \$200,000, the report deals with the OPERATIONS OF GOVERNMENT STEAMERS.

To this is attached the report of Captain J. Trokmont of the operations of steamers Montana and Caffrey in improving the Upper Mississippi during the season of 1872. The particulars contained in the report were published in THE ARGUS months ago, so we will quote only the following paragraphs:

Summary of the operations of the Montana, Capt. Harris, for the season of 1872: 7 steamers and 3 rafts pulled off sand bars and set afloat; 165 snags extracted; 182 snags extracted; 2,110 feet of main wall moved; 4,089 miles run in the prosecution of the above work.

Summary of operations of the C. J. Caffrey, Capt. Hillhouse, for the season of 1872: 385 snags extracted; 540 snags extracted; 438 leaping trees removed; 100 hours sawing and dredging; 2,641 miles run.

Then comes a history of the improvement of the THE KEOKUK RAPIDS, the present condition of the work being described as follows:

The entire lock and vertical walls completed, excepting 341 feet of main wall coping, and 20 feet of vertical wall coping on the lower and a part of the upper miter-sill. The slope wall on the shore bank and inside of river bank, from Price's creek to walls connecting vertical with slope walls, was completed. The earth and rock excavations were all completed, and used in making embankment and backing for slope wall. To complete the embankment will necessitate the removal of the remainder of the stone delivered for masonry, which is not practicable until it can be utilized in some other portions of the work. The expense of excavation of what would be required to complete the embankment on the section work can be used to complete the embankment of the lock.

Should the contemplated sluice be constructed now, it would render the earth embankment 9,000 cubic yards, and the surplus of stone on hand would be used to good advantage in the sluice walls.

Of the allotment of \$100,000 of the appropriation made June 10, 1872, there remains unexpended a sufficiency to complete the lock according to original plans for the season. During the progress of this work it has received close and careful inspection in all its parts, and strictly conformed to the specifications and plans furnished.

The sum of \$800,000 could be advantageously used during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875, and I would recommend that an appropriation of that amount be made as soon as possible.

During the present year it is proposed to complete the excavations and embankments of the entire canal, including all the locks and the dams in the creek for holding the sediment brought down by rains, also the excavations of the channels at the entrances at both ends of the canal, and to build the lower courses of the rip-rap all along the entire length of the interior of the canal embankments, also to construct the sluices at the three locks.

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The improvements done so far at these rapids have proved to be a perfect success, and the navigating public applaud the work.

In low stage of water the rapids are easier navigated than the river above the rapids.

STEAMERS IN FORMER DAYS could not pass the rapids at a stage of two feet above lowest water of 1864, and at a stage of three feet above lowest water steamers experienced great difficulty and risk. At present, boats pass the rapids with ease, and I intend to establish a system of guides, or range marks, and perhaps lights for the better navigation of the channel in the river, whenever the improvements of the remaining chains are completed, and allow me a more full consideration of the subject.

Mr. J. J. Hoffman, an experienced surveyor, showing the state of the river bed in these rapids in the year 1867, before any improvement was made, and also the state of the river bed in this year after the greatest part of the improvements have been accomplished. The reports of Assistant E. F. Hornum, heretofore appended, and I take great pleasure in referring to them as a most satisfactory exhibit of the condition of this useful work.

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